

Citizen's Update

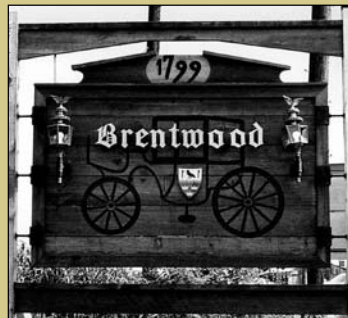
Fall 2009 News You Need to Know About Your City

Brentwood Celebrates Its 40th Birthday!



Important Events in History

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| 1967 | I-65 constructed through Brentwood area | 1992 | Service Center/Fire Station No. 3 built |
| 1969 | Brentwood incorporated as a City | 1998 | Brentwood Library on Concord Road completed |
| 1971 | Police Department created | 1999 | Sewer extension to 2,700 original homes completed |
| 1972 | City sewer treatment plant built on Little Harpeth River | 2002 | Ravenwood High School opens |
| 1982 | Brentwood High School opens | 2002 | Brentwood Safety Center East/Fire Station No. 4 built |
| 1982 | Private Brentwood Water Co. acquired by City | 2007 | Board of Commissioners expanded from 5 to 7 members |
| 1983 | City of Brentwood Library created | | |
| 1983 | City sewer connected to Metro for treatment and plant at Deerwood closed | | |
| 1986 | Brentwood Fire Department created | | |
| 1987 | Municipal Center completed | | |
| 1989 | I-65/Concord Rd. Interchange opens | | |
| 1991 | Cool Springs Mall opens | | |
| 1992 | Crockett Park construction begins | | |



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New Construction Spotlight

Brentwood maintains its strong residential character while affording opportunities for quality commercial and service institutional facilities in targeted areas of the city. In addition to traditional commercial development on the northern and southern boundaries of the City, Brentwood is encouraging redevelopment of the original commercial area – the Town Center District on Brentwood’s northern edge.

As with most communities across the nation, Brentwood is also experiencing significant slowdown in new development activity, reflecting the current national economic trends. New residential construction has been most affected by the slowdown with only 60 new housing starts projected for calendar year 2009. Despite these adverse economic conditions, the Planning Department continues to review proposals for new construction in our community.

Retail-Service-Office Development

A new commercial project in the Town Center District is underway for two 2-story structures with 20,500 square feet. One structure will serve Pinnacle Bank while the second building provides office and retail space. Existing buildings recently upgraded in Town Center include Judge Bean’s Bar-B-Q and Spruce Interior Design (Brentwood Station) on Church Street. Nearby, at the northwest corner of Franklin Road and Maryland Way, the Red Mountain Bank totally renovated an existing structure.

Brentwood Place has completed the first phase of a major renovation.



On the southern edge of Brentwood new commercial development include (1) Mallory Park - Limited Treasures Wholesaling, 15,800 sq ft office and warehouse facility; (2) Westgate Commons - Green Hills Grille building and Copeland’s Restaurant were converted to office/retail space; (3)Cool Springs Commons – Community Health Systems, a proposed 21,400 sq ft addition to the data center.

Service-Institutional Development

Service-institutional (churches and schools) development continues to provide for new and expanded facilities to serve the residents of Brentwood. The church expansions include (1) Holy Family Catholic Church - 43,617 sq ft for education, administration and youth ministries; (2) Otter Creek Church of Christ - 35,000 sq ft kindergarten educational facility; and (3) Brentwood Baptist Church, 77,635 sq ft for Connection Center & 6,382 sq ft Chapel addition.



The school improvements include classroom additions at Edmondson Elementary, Lipscomb Elementary, and Brentwood High School; Ravenwood High School has added 8 modular classrooms. Brentwood Academy, celebrating their 40th anniversary, continues with their major renovations and additions, including the front of the building facing Granny White Pike.

Town Center District Construction – Pinnacle Bank building at the corner of Franklin Road and Town Center Way and a second building on Franklin Road that will provide office and retail space



L-R: City Manager Mike Walker, Gary Petway, Public Works Director Jeff Donegan, City Commissioner Joe Reagan

Gary Petway, Public Works Department, was honored recently for his 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Brentwood. Gary has a wealth of knowledge including his early years growing up on a local farm, and his many years with the City. Gary said that he would like to work another 30 years for the City!

Home Occupations

What happens when a slowdown in the economy is coupled with enormous breakthroughs in technology? The number of people changing career directions and working from home grows. While Brentwood maintains strict zoning laws to preserve the character of the residential areas and prevent traditional commercial/retail activities from occurring, the City does allow certain business activities to be conducted from within a home. Here are a few things citizens need to know about home-based businesses:

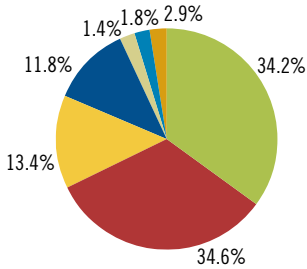
- A home occupation permit must be obtained from the City.
- No more than 10% of the home can be devoted to the home occupation.
- There can be no visible sign of business activity from the outside of the home.
- May not employ other persons in conjunction with the business if the person does not live in the home. (limited exceptions)

A number of other restrictions apply to home occupations, and modifications to the City’s home occupation regulations are under consideration. To apply for a permit, or to find out more about the City’s rules on home occupations, please contact the Planning and Codes Department at 371-2204 or www.brentwood-tn.org/planning.

Your General Fund Budget Summary

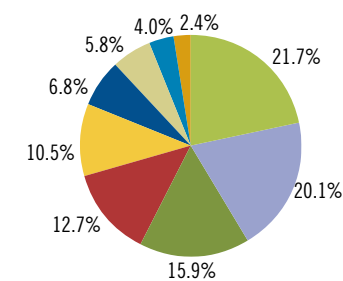
Revenues by Source FY 2010

Revenues	2009-10 Amount	Budget %
Local Sales Taxes	\$10,275,000	34.2%
Property Taxes	\$10,395,000	34.6%
State Shared Revenues	\$4,029,525	13.4%
Other Local Taxes	\$3,539,000	11.8%
Licenses/Permits	\$415,250	1.4%
All Other (Including Interest)	\$529,200	1.8%
Fines/Fees/Service Charges	\$861,100	2.9%
Total Revenues	\$30,044,075	100.00%



Expenditures by Source FY 2010

Expenditures	2009-10 Amount	Budget %
Police/Emergency Comm.	\$6,504,840	21.7%
Fire/Safety Center East	\$6,048,930	20.1%
General Government	\$4,784,985	15.9%
Public Works/Services	\$3,825,205	12.7%
Debt Service Fund Transfer	\$3,150,000	10.5%
Public Library	\$2,048,175	6.8%
Parks/Recreation	\$1,751,195	5.8%
All Other	\$1,206,320	4.0%
Transfer to Other Funds	\$713,400	2.4%
Total Expenditures	\$30,033,050	100.00%



General Government consists of City Commission, City Court, City Manager’s Office, Elections, Finance, Legal Services, Technology, Human Resources, Community Relations, Planning and Codes Enforcement.

All Other consists of Insurance/Other Benefits, Education, Economic Development, City Boards and Crockett Historic Center.



MR. T. VANCE LITTLE 1931-2009

Vance Little, Brentwood City Historian, was a sixth generation of the Little family to live here and an integral, vibrant part of the history of our community. A true southern gentleman and an attorney by profession, he committed his life to researching, documenting and sharing Brentwood’s history and was a member of many preservation organizations. The driving force behind the founding of the Brentwood Historic Commission, he did more than any other individual to promote historic preservation in Brentwood.

Vance spearheaded the creation of the Brentwood Historic Society, and the Brentwood Room at the library, a repository for documents, oral and video histories. He served as host for the City’s Cable Channel 19’s show – Conversations from Concord House and authored many books about Brentwood history. His efforts are greatly appreciated and will be enjoyed by future generations.



Story Room stained-glass window installation underway.

Come Visit Your Expanded Library

Grand Re-Opening on September 19 will reveal beautiful and exciting additions!



Artists mount a huge book over the new Storytime Room entrance.

Final work on three wonderful new additions totaling 12,000 square feet and a 'face lift' for the existing library built in 1998 were recently completed. The last stages saw talented artists installing their unique works, sure to delight visitors of all ages. Thanks to the Brentwood City Commission who provided \$5 million for the core project, and to all of the other generous donors including the Library Foundation, the Friends of the Library and the Brentwood community who helped fund the "extras" that give the facility an especially welcoming atmosphere."

The "new" additions to the library include:

- Larger Storytime and Children's Learning Center
- A stunning new look in the expanded Children's Library
- Larger Recorded Arts Room for movies, music and audio
- New Teen Space with cool décor and more seating
- Computer Lab for classes and training
- Conference Room reservable by Brentwood groups for meetings
- Five Study Rooms for group work or quiet study
- New expanded Brentwood Room for local history and genealogy
- More space for books and material collections
- More comfortable seating for laptop users and browsers
- New technology with flat-screen signage and displays



Above Left: Librarians give the electrical contractor a hand.



Above Right: New shelving arrives at the front door.

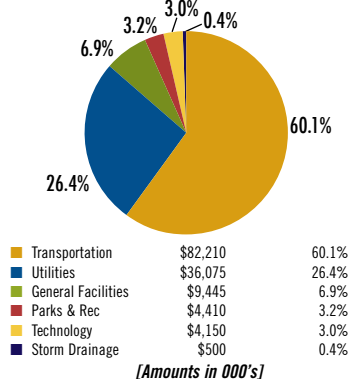
YOU ARE INVITED LIBRARY GRAND RE-OPENING SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

The community is invited to attend the ribbon-cutting and tour the library's new facilities. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. and will continue until 1p.m.

Brief programs highlighting services for adults, teens and children will be presented every 30 minutes throughout the morning. Kids will enjoy plays by the Brentwood High Drama Club, storytelling sessions and the antics of The Balloon Kid.

Capital Improvements Program Fiscal Years 2010-2015

The primary focus of this \$136.8 million, six-year program is to address the infrastructure and facility needs for one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Tennessee. The program concentrates on improvements in six areas: General Facilities, Transportation, Storm Drainage, Parks and Recreation, Beautification and Utilities. Copies of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) are available for review at the Brentwood Public Library and the Municipal Center. Please call Carson Swinford, Finance Director, at 371-0060 for more information.



Fire Chiefs Save Woman's Life (In the Cayman Islands)

As they say, it's hard to get away from one's job even on vacation. While vacationing in the Cayman Islands, Chief Kenny Lane and Assistant Chief Brian Goss and their wives were approximately a mile offshore on a Stingray excursion when they heard a commotion. They observed an apparent drowning victim being carried toward their boat. The 57 year-old female victim had been found floating face down in the ocean and was discovered with no apparent vital signs. Chief Goss began CPR compressions on the deck of the boat while Chief Lane and Chief Goss' wife Marie (a nurse at Vanderbilt) began clearing the airway and securing an oxygen source. After several cycles of CPR, a faint pulse was detected followed by shallow respirations. Within 10-15 minutes the patient began to regain consciousness and was speaking to the three rescuers coherently by the time they reached shore. She was placed in the care of local EMS personnel and transported to a local hospital where she was kept overnight for observation. She was released the next day with no apparent negative effects.



Automatic Fire Response Agreement Between Brentwood and Franklin

The Brentwood and Franklin Fire Departments have entered into an Automatic Aid Agreement to improve the safety of residents and to protect property from fire loss. As of July 1, 2009, fire suppression units from both departments located at stations in the Cool Springs area now respond automatically to structure fires in a defined higher risk coverage area in both Brentwood and Franklin. In Brentwood, a joint response providing twice the normal equipment and personnel will benefit condominium homes and businesses in the Moores Lane area plus the Heritage retirement community and Ravenwood High School. In Franklin, the joint response will cover the Landings Apartments, the Cool Springs Galleria, Marriott Hotel/Conference Center and other commercial property located mainly north of Mallory Station Road. Fire suppression units from both jurisdictions are now dispatched to fire calls in this defined area simultaneously. This arrangement is feasible due to the limited number of structure fires in both jurisdictions and creates a "win-win" for both communities in saving lives and protecting property in a cost-effective way.

News Briefs

Community Guide 2009-11 'Everything you ever wanted to know about Brentwood!' Available at Brentwood Municipal Center, Brentwood Library and www.brentwood-tn.org/communityguide.

Tune In Channel 19 City & Planning Commission Meetings - Rebroadcast

1st, 2nd & 4th weeks each month • Tues. 9 a.m. & 7 p.m. • Thurs. 7 p.m.

Continuous City Information Meetings, dates, times, places, phone numbers, etc.

Historic Interviews recorded with the late Vance Little 7 p.m.

Historic Brentwood Video Mon., Wed., Fri. 8 p.m.

City's Web Site Visit our Web site at www.brentwood-tn.org

City & Planning Commission Agendas and video of recent meetings via web-cast are available at www.brentwood-tn.org

BRENTWOOD

Celebrating 40 Years 1969 – 2009

Brentwood, at the time of incorporation in 1969, was a small village with a population of 3,378. It is now a premier suburban residential/office community in the Nashville Metropolitan area with a population of 36,000. Much of this growth was facilitated with the construction of I-65 in the 1960s, the construction of the Moores Lane interchange in 1970 and the Concord Road interchange in the late 1980's. The easy accessibility to Nashville, the open country character of the area and the focus on quality land use and development has made Brentwood one of the most attractive and desirable communities in Tennessee.

In 1969, Chick Boggan paints the "un" off the "unincorporated" Brentwood sign after the community voted to incorporate. Brentwood Place (Kroger) now stands at this site.

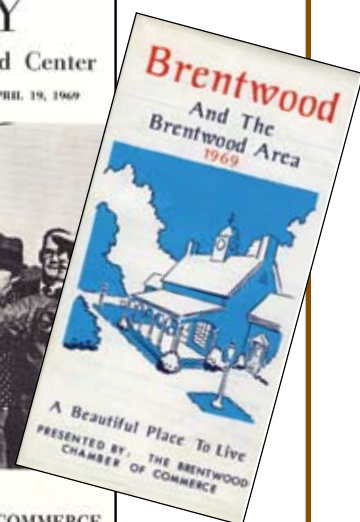
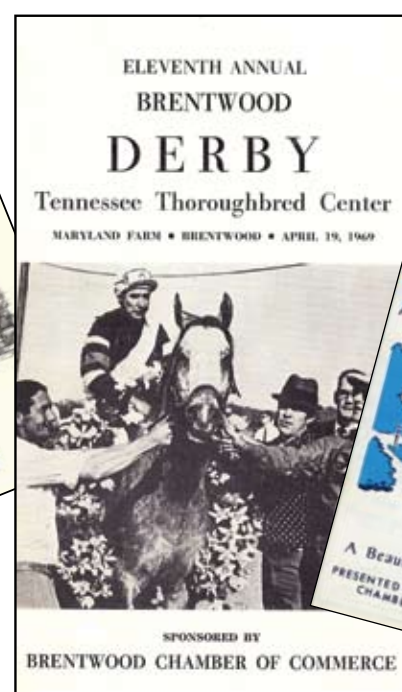
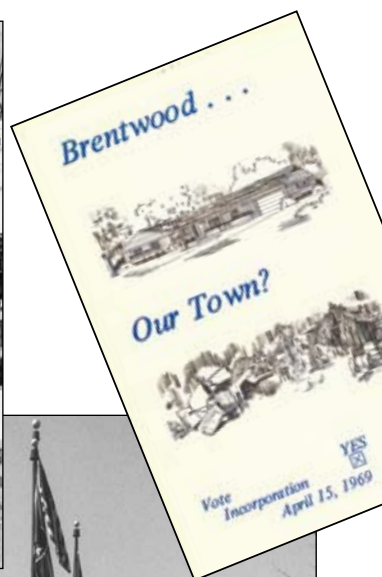


Past and Present – Brentwood Police and Fire Departments – in the 1960's police and fire services were offered to residents who paid a private company; today's services are provided by the City of Brentwood.

The original founders of Brentwood have seen dramatic change in the past 40 years. A rural crossroads community has evolved and matured into a full service city. Since incorporation, Brentwood maintained an effective growth management system that has resulted in a quality of life that is second to none in the Nashville area.

The vision that was shared by Brentwood's early residents in establishing a low density residential community is still prevalent. About 90 percent of Brentwood's acreage is zoned residential with a density standard of one dwelling unit per acre.

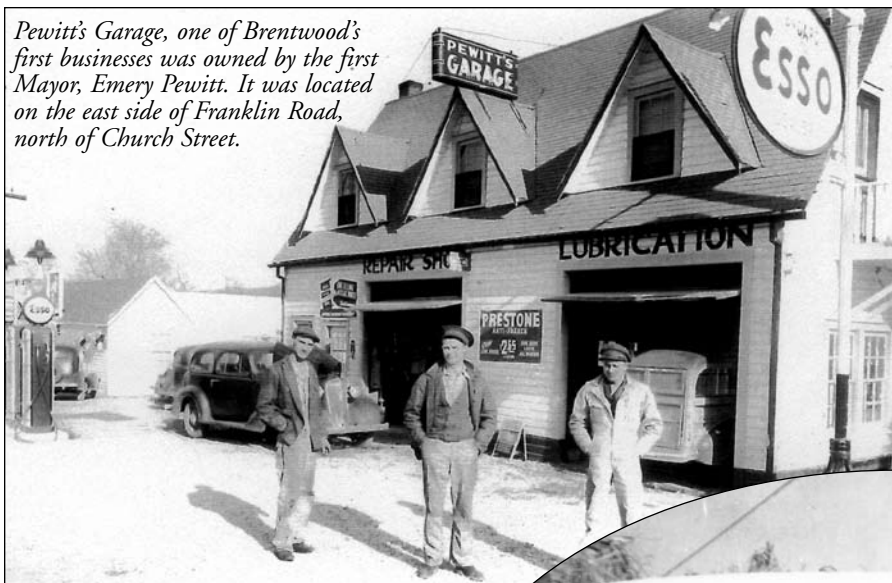
Brentwood's first Police Chief Howard Buttrey, one of four officers hired in 1971, is pictured in front of the patrol car with Brentwood's first Mayor, Emery Pewitt.



The first Brentwood Fire Department was privately owned by the Burke family. The city assumed responsibility for fire protection in 1986.

Even though City staff has grown over the last 40 years, the cost effective delivery of services remains a hallmark of City operations. City programs and services have expanded over the years in order to meet the needs of resident and corporate citizens and to enhance the quality of life in Brentwood. Effective property taxes have not increased since 1991. Originally there was only one department (police) and seven employees and a \$60,000 budget. Today there are 11 departments with 245 full-time employees and a \$30,033,050 annual General Fund budget.

Pewitt's Garage, one of Brentwood's first businesses was owned by the first Mayor, Emery Pewitt. It was located on the east side of Franklin Road, north of Church Street.



At left: Entrance sign to Brentwood in the 1970s at Franklin Road & Old Hickory Boulevard

Below: Old Hickory Boulevard at Franklin Road was only a two-lane road

Since incorporation 40 years ago, employment in Brentwood has risen from a few hundred to over 20,000. This is driven largely by the office parks developed since the late 1970's in the City's northern business district. The City's retail commercial base, which began as less than a dozen small businesses located in the Franklin Road/Pewitt Drive area, has seen major expansion especially along our southern border in the Moores Lane area adjacent to the Cool Springs Mall. This retail growth has generated corresponding increase in sales tax, from \$25,000 in 1969 to \$10,261,700 in 2009. This has allowed the City to maintain, expand and improve municipal services such as police, fire, parks, library, roads, etc. and keep city property taxes low.

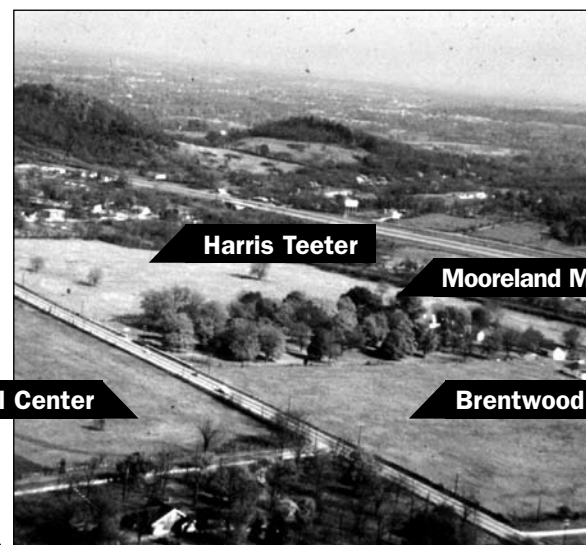


Glen Huff is shown in front of his delivery truck. Huff's Grocery was located on the corner of Wilson Pike and Church Street (site of Inside-Out Store)

Over the years, the City has tried to keep citizens well informed and involved. In the late 1990's, hundreds of citizens participated in the formulation of the Brentwood 2020 Plan that established a common vision and overall direction and guidance for the City.



Another early business was Noble's pharmacy located on the corner of Old Hickory Boulevard and Franklin Road, where Walgreens is today. Glen Noble helped in the effort to incorporate Brentwood. His son Alex later served as a City Commissioner.



Harris Teeter

Mooreland Mansion

H.G. Hill Center

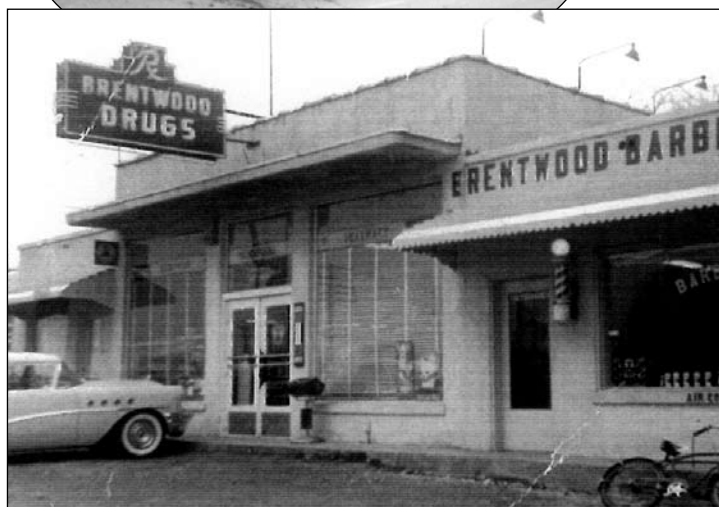
Brentwood Place

Above: Early aerial photo of north Brentwood, prior to development

Left & below: Franklin Road between Old Hickory and Maryland Way in the 1960s.

BRENTWOOD 40 YEARS AGO

- **Population** – 3,378
- **City Commissioners** – 3 members originally, expanded to 5 in the early 1970's, then 7 in 2007
- **First City Hall** – Pewitt Drive; now Harpeth Grill Restaurant
- **City Budget** – \$60,000
- **Sales Tax** – \$25,000
- **City Staff** – 6 employees
- **No Police Department** – 4 policemen hired in 1971
- **Fire Department (private)** – City Fire Dept. organized 1986
- **One Public School** – Lipscomb Elementary; older students went to Franklin High School
- **One I-65 Interchange** – Old Hickory; no Concord Road or Moores Lane Interchanges
- **Franklin Road and Old Hickory Boulevard** – 2 lane roads
- **Concord Road, Moores Lane, Granny White Pike** – small country roads
- **Huff's Grocery Store** – no national chains
- **No Retail Shopping Center**
- **No Office Parks** – no Maryland Farms, Synergy Center



Brentwood has come a long way in 40 years – from a small rural village to a recognized place to live and work. During periods of extensive growth, Brentwood has worked hard to ensure that the quality of life for our citizens is not jeopardized. A combination of fortunate location, farsighted vision of the original leaders, the commitment of later leaders to the vision, strict land use and development standards, outstanding schools and churches, and successful businesses has resulted in the progressive City of 2009.

Thanks to Everyone for 40 Great Years!
1969-2009

ALERT – 2010 Federal Census

The United States Constitution requires a federal census of the population every 10 years. In early 2010, census forms will be sent to all residences for completion. The results of the census are very important to you and the City of Brentwood because many decisions related to the distribution of State and Federal funds to local communities are based on the population count. Please help us keep your property taxes as low as possible by completing the form and returning to the Census Bureau within the requested timeframe. Every person counts for Brentwood! For additional information, go to www.census.gov.

Tree City USA Award 20 Years

The National Arbor Day Foundation presented the City of Brentwood with the Tree City, USA Award with special recognition for being a Tree City USA for 20 consecutive years. The award recognizes the City's commitment to tree planting and conservation.

Environmental Quality Coordinating Committee

In early 2009, the City created a new Environmental Quality Coordinating Committee (EQCC) made up of 12 residents. This ad-hoc committee's goal is to provide recommendations to the City Commissioners that will enhance and sustain the environmental quality of municipal operations and services and the overall quality of life in Brentwood into the future.

In an effort to solicit public input on this important topic, the Committee conducted an online survey through the City's website and also held a public meeting on June 9. The Committee will submit its recommendations to the City Commission in December.

Assistant Police Chief Martin Lyles to Retire

Assistant Police Chief Martin Lyles will retire in January 2010 with 32 years of service with the Brentwood Police Department. Martin started his employment with the police department in 1977 as a patrol officer and has served in many capacities with the department rising to his present position as Assistant Police Chief in 2000.

Martin guided the Police Department through the initial National Accreditation and two subsequent reaccreditation awards. In 1993 he was inducted into the Williamson County Fraternal Order of Police Law Enforcement Officer's Hall of Fame.



WATER & SEWER UPDATE

- **Sewer System Rehabilitation Project** – work continues on one of the most significant capital projects in Brentwood's history. This comprehensive, \$30 million dollar program inspects the city's underground pipelines via a video camera to identify line breaks and stormwater infiltration and repairs damaged pipelines primarily through slip lining the existing pipes with an internal liner.

Other system improvement projects include:

- **Overlook Park** water booster station replacement project
- **Sewer Station** rehabilitation project
- **Edmondson Pike** sewer force main relocation project

To ensure that adequate water is available to City customers, the Water Department maintains over 200 miles of water lines, 13 water booster stations and 10 water storage tanks with storage capacity of 14.5 million gallons. For more information, please visit the Water/Sewer web page at www.brentwood-tn.org/water.

City Judge Tom Schlater Retires

Tom Schlater, City Judge since Brentwood incorporated in 1969, retired recently. He has been an important part of the City and its development for the past 40 years and has touched many lives in court. Judge Schlater always wanted to influence safer driving habits, particularly among teenagers. He said that he has enjoyed his involvement with the City and that his love for Brentwood made it all worthwhile.

Thank you, Judge Schlater, for your many years of dedicated service to the City of Brentwood!

Jane and Judge Tom Schlater



Police Use Emergency Telephone Notification

An emergency telephone notification system is in place for the City to alert residents about emergency situations that require immediate attention. The Brentwood Police Department used the system recently to notify residents in a particular area of the city that a burglary had taken place in their area and to be on the lookout for the suspects on foot. The system gave the time, place of the crime, description of the suspects and explained the police activity and safety concerns. Residents were asked to call the police if any strangers were spotted in the area.

The automatic notification system consists of specialized software and servers that can make targeted phone calls to numerous homes quickly. The automatic system can pinpoint an area affected and the software will determine the radius of homes and businesses to be notified. The system, however, is tied to the 911 database and cannot place calls to cell phones since there is no physical address connected to those numbers.

In case of dire emergencies, Brentwood has access to outside phone banks that are capable of dialing 1,000 phone lines at once.

DON'T MAKE IT EASY FOR THE BURGLARS!!

Keep your car and house locked even when you are at home!

Brentwood is a safe community but "you" must do your part to discourage unnecessary thefts.

While car break-ins and thefts occur infrequently, they do occur more often when valuables such as laptops, GPS units, and car stereos are left visible in an unlocked car.

Don't make it 'easy' for the bad guys!

- Remove all valuables from your vehicles
- Make good use of exterior lighting
- Use security/alarms systems when you leave home
- Call the police immediately if you suspect a crime is being conducted or something unusual appears to be happening nearby

For more information, contact Officer Sam Bady, bady@s@brentwood-tn.org, Officer Mark Wood, woodm@brentwood-tn.org or 371-2267

City Briefs

Need Help?

Occasionally you may have a problem with the City and may not be sure who to contact. In that case, please call **Linda Lynch – Community Relations Director at 371-0060 or by e-mail at lynchl@brentwood-tn.org**. She will be glad to get you to the right person to address your concerns.

Fall Clean Up

When you are fall cleaning, should you have items too large for the regular trash pick-up, you can take them for disposal by the City at the following locations between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dates

October 3 • Granny White Park
October 10 • Safety Center East, 1300 Sunset Rd.

October 17 • Granny White Park

Important: We cannot accept liquids, sprays, paints, batteries, tires or chippings.

Williamson County Recycling Center

Come visit the expanded facility located next to Fire Station No. 2
1301 Wilson Pike • 790-5848

County Household Trash Locations

Will not accept liquids, sprays, paints, batteries or tires; brush will be accepted. Recycling service is available, too.

OPEN EVERY DAY 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Trinity Convenience Center
3004 Wilson Pike • 794-3904

2 miles south of city limits on left

Nolensville Convenience Center
1525 Sunset Road • 776-2717

.5 mile east of Waller Rd. on left

Grassland Convenience Center
1495 Sneed Road • 371-1697

Just west of Hillsboro Rd.
on left behind county fire hall

Keep Williamson Beautiful!

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Williamson County Administrative Complex
1320 West Main Street
Franklin • 790-5848

City Phone Numbers

Municipal Center	371-0060
Planning/Codes	371-2204
Water Billing	661-7061
Water Maintenance	371-0080
Public Works	371-0080
Service Center	371-0080
Police	371-0160
Fire	371-0170
Wm. Co. Ambulance ..	794-2800
Library	371-0090
Parks	371-2208
Emergency	911

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The City Commission is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It currently consists of seven members elected at-large for four-year, staggered terms. The next election for four members is scheduled for May 3, 2011.

The Mayor and Vice Mayor are City Commissioners appointed by their fellow board members after each election to serve for two-year terms.

Unless otherwise rescheduled, the City Commission meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center, 5211 Maryland Way.

Update on Concord Road Project

Improvements to a 3.6 mile section of Concord Road from Edmondson Pike to the eastern city limits will include a continuous 3 lane roadway section with a separated 10-foot bikeway lane. The City of Brentwood is funding engineering design and the purchase of sufficient right-of-way to allow for the future widening to 5 lanes. As Concord Road is a state highway, the project will be under the construction management of the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT).

Phase I of the project from Edmondson Pike to Sunset Road is underway. The initial work includes the clearing of trees from the right-of-way and the relocation of existing utilities. Beginning this fall, the TDOT contractor will concentrate initial road construction from Sunset Road to Crockett Road.



Construction between Crockett Road and Edmondson Pike will not be started until late spring 2010. It will require the closing of this section for about 4 months to cut down the grade of the hill and install retaining walls and drainage improvements near the creek. A summer 2010 road closing and the necessary detouring of through traffic on Crockett Road will be done at a time and season that minimizes the impact to school traffic and disturbance of the creek with a protected species – the Nashville Crayfish.

Phase I improvements from Edmondson Pike to Sunset Road are scheduled for substantial completion by December 2010. For more information on the project and the latest updates, visit the City's website, www.brentwood-tn.org/concord.

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Community-Businesses Website

The City of Brentwood is in the initial stages of developing a community-business web page for the purpose of identifying and promoting taxpaying businesses located within the Brentwood city limits. The goal is to provide to newcomers and existing residents via their computer an attractive, useful, easy to search tool for locating the 2,000+ businesses and service providers in the City, arranged by type of business or service. In addition, the site will provide helpful information to visitors on Brentwood hotels, nearby restaurants and other services including community facilities and things to do while staying in Brentwood.

The City of Brentwood understands and appreciates the benefits provided by our business community. Almost 60% of the total General Fund taxes are derived from Brentwood businesses. The community-business website will promote Brentwood businesses by providing an easy reference point for you and visitors to know what is available at your doorstep. When you "Shop in Brentwood" first, you not only support our local businesses and families; you also support City tax collections that help pay for the cost of basic municipal services and keep your property taxes low.

Contributions to Schools

Since 1986, the City of Brentwood has voluntarily contributed a total of **\$3,563,000** to Williamson County schools serving Brentwood students. Funding is used to enhance programs over and beyond the basic programs funded by the County. City of Brentwood donations to Brentwood's area schools this fall include:

Brentwood High School.....	\$60,000	Crockett Elementary School	\$10,000
Ravenwood High School	\$60,000	Edmondson Elementary School	\$10,000
Brentwood Middle School	\$15,000	Kenrose Elementary School	\$10,000
Sunset Middle School.....	\$15,000	Lipscomb Elementary School	\$10,000
Woodland Middle School	\$15,000	Scales Elementary School	\$10,000
		Sunset Elementary School	\$10,000



Above: The Brentwood City Commission presents checks totaling \$225,000 to the various public schools serving Brentwood students.

EDUCATING STUDENTS ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT

The City of Brentwood Storm Water Program hosted an environmental education day at Deerwood Arboretum for Junior/Senior level science students from Brentwood and Ravenwood High Schools. The field trip included hands on education regarding clean water in our creeks and rivers; habitat and ecology of streams and natural areas; the importance of these ecosystems to the animals that live and thrive in them; and the impact human actions and development have on our natural ecosystem.

Approximately 260 students participated in the event, sponsored and coordinated by the City of Brentwood Engineering Department and Parks Department, the Discovery Center, TDEC, individuals active in the local storm water management and high school staff.



Vehicle Accident Reports Now Available On-Line

As a convenience to persons involved in a traffic accident in Brentwood, Police Department reports for accidents that occur on or after August 1, 2009 may now be retrieved at **no cost** via your computer. These reports will normally be available on-line within five to seven business days after the accident. To view and/or print a copy of the report, visit the City of Brentwood website at www.brentwood-tn.org and select "I want to...get..." and select Accident Report from the drop down menu on the front page. You can also access Accident Reports from the Police Department Page under the Records tab. Prior to searching for an Accident Report, you will need either – 1) the Report Number, 2) the Date of the Report, or 3) the Driver's Name. Again, there is no cost for this service.

Parks Update

Brentwood Parks offer something for everyone. Fall is the time to enjoy the 575 acres of park land and public greenways in Brentwood. The city encourages you to take full advantage of the active and passive recreational opportunities available in your “community backyard.” With tougher economic conditions today, we remind everyone that Brentwood’s wonderful parks and bike/walking paths are available for **FREE!**



Fall Shelters/Pavilion Reservations Still Available

You can choose from facilities at Granny White Park, River Park, Crockett Park and Owl Creek. Reservations are still available through October 31.

Deerwood Arboretum Upgrade

Deerwood bikeway is scheduled for an overlay this fall and a new section of asphalt trail will be constructed where the nature trail is presently located. When completed, a handicapped accessible path will be available to view the entire 27-acre arboretum.

Bikeway System Update!

Don’t forget Brentwood’s great bikeway system. The newest section of the bike/walking trail has been completed and runs south from the old Wilson Pike railroad underpass tunnel near Ravenwood High School to Spilt Log Road. It continues east along Spilt Log Road over a mile to the Taramore subdivision. This addition brings the total miles of bike/walking trails in the city to over 14 miles. If you have not experienced the trail system yet, fall is the perfect time.

For more information contact Parks at
www.brentwood-tn.org/parks or 371-2208.



City Manager’s Report

Dear Citizens,

As we reach the first anniversary of the “great recession,” it is easy to evolve into conversations with everyone about how things have changed for the worse. There is no question that almost everyone is feeling the effects of the economic slowdown. Like most of you, the City of Brentwood has been required to operate and carry out services with less revenue than a year ago. We learned quickly that the City could not depend on the State and Federal governments to rescue us, to make things easier for us, or to guarantee a prosperous future for our community.

When an economic crisis happens, many local governments are forced to react and make budget decisions that do not serve the long term interests of their community. Brentwood’s conservative and balanced financial policies have been in place for almost 20 years and continue to serve the community well. Rather than becoming too reliant on any one revenue source, Brentwood collects about 1/3 of its General Fund revenue from property tax, 1/3 from local sales tax, and 1/3 from other sources including state shared taxes provided to municipalities based on population. Just like in business, it is not wise to become too dependent long term on one client or income source.

This systematic approach is allowing us to weather the storm and face an uncertain future in a better position than most governments. For example, despite an unprecedented 5.8% decline in local sales tax collections in the past fiscal year, the City of Brentwood ended the fiscal year on June 30, 2009 in a positive financial position. For comparison purposes, the State of Tennessee experienced a 6.8% decline in sales tax collections in the same period while the City of Franklin saw an 8.3% decrease.

In Fiscal Year 2009-2010, the City of Brentwood continues to deliver basic services effectively and provide funding for our infrastructure and equipment needs. Essential services are not being reduced or eliminated. At the same time, the lack of revenue growth limits our ability to initiate new programs and new on-going funding obligations outside the core mission of the City. The City’s ability to respond effectively is dependent on its greatest resource – our employees. They are always looking for ways to do “more with less” and to save tax dollars without affecting service delivery.

Check Us Out

WEBSITE IS UPDATED WITH NEW
INFORMATION WEEKLY AND IS EASY TO USE!

www.brentwood-tn.org

The City of Brentwood encourages everyone to visit and use the City’s new website. Here you will find up-to-date information on City services and activities, departments, on-line services, new resident information, doing business in Brentwood, and our popular “I want to” section. The website is updated with new information weekly and is easy



to use. The goal is to meet the community’s growing need for information on the City services and activities and to handle routine requests for assistance in the most efficient manner for both the user and the City.

Road Projects Update

EDMONDSON PIKE (NORTH OF SMITHSON LANE TO CITY LIMITS)

Widening of Edmondson Pike is consistent with prior improvements to the southern portion of the road including 12-foot travel lanes, shoulders, and left turn lanes at appropriate locations. Construction began summer 2009 and scheduled to be substantially completed by the end of 2009.



SPLIT LOG ROAD PROJECT, PHASE II (RAGSDALE ROAD TO EAST CITY LIMITS AT PLEASANT HILL ROAD)

This project is in the design stage with construction to begin by late 2009 with substantial completion in late 2010; improvements include a 3-lane road with center turn lane and a separated 10-foot bikeway lane. Improvements will be similar to recently completed work between Wilson Pike and Ragsdale Road.

WILSON PIKE/CONCORD ROAD INTERSECTION This project provides for turn lane improvements on Wilson Pike, including a new right turn lane for southbound Wilson Pike and reconfiguration of northbound Wilson Pike to provide a new right turn lane and dual left turn lanes on to Concord Road west. This project is scheduled for completion in late fall 2009.

FRANKLIN ROAD SOUTH Widening of Franklin Road (state highway) to 5 lanes is proposed from Concord Road to Moore’s Lane. Survey work and engineering design are underway with City funding. Construction scheduling is uncertain at this point and is subject to a commitment by the Tennessee Department of Transportation to fund utility relocations and construction cost.

Concord Road East Project – see article on page 7

For more information contact Public Works,
371-0080 or www.brentwood-tn.org/pw.

Our success in financial management is measured by achieving the highest possible credit rating – AAA from both Moody’s Investors and Standard and Poor’s. Probably more important to you, Brentwood and Williamson County continue to maintain the lowest combined effective property tax rate in Tennessee for cities with a population of 25,000 or more.

As much as we want to be optimistic that the economy has reached bottom and is starting to improve, we have to be realistic in our financial planning for the future. We do not anticipate the residual benefit of an improved economy to local tax collections for another 12-24 months. We appear to be entering a period of “uncharted waters” where consumers and businesses are having greater difficulty getting reasonable credit and households are more reluctant to take on additional debt. Accordingly, we anticipate only gradual growth in revenue collections in the next 5 years.

The staff appreciates your understanding and support in these challenging times. We always welcome your comments and suggestions on how we can do things better or to answer your questions. Please feel free to go to www.brentwood-tn.org and access Citizen Comments on our webpage to tell us your thoughts. You may also choose to contact me directly at 371-0060 or by e-mail at walker@brentwood-tn.org.

Sincerely,

Michael W. (Mike) Walker

